

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...if they wanted to. They're only asking for 15 percent, which would basically cover the cost of the program.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess, in the final time I have, I guess, my concern is that we passed the bill last year where it was stated that with the paper fund, I forget the...what's the...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well the waste paper program...

SENATOR MOORE: Waste paper, we thought it could fund itself, and now we're realizing, in short order, that it can't. And I admire the creative way to come up with the funds to make up the difference. But, I guess, it's...it will not...it is still not General Funded. But, arguably, if you take that money away from those agencies, there is a loss in funds and the concern I have is that eventually it will become General Funded, indirectly. So that's the concern I have. In the remaining amount...if you want to address that, feel free to do so.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator, you've hit on a nail that we talked about in the committee, which I think Senator Lamb and others raised the question of, well, as we take these funds that had been traditionally going to the Department of Roads, because of their ongoing recycling effort, are we not then opening a door up for the department to come back and say, hey, you know you took this money away from us, we need that money back. And, Scott, you're probably right. There might be an attempt made, at a later date, to say we want that 15 percent back through General Funds.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: We're not aware that the department is pushing in that direction at this point, but the door certainly is open for that. But this bill simply allows the recycling program to continue and to...basically funded at a level it needs to be funded at, if it's going to be effective at all. If you don't like what the program is doing, obviously, you may not want to vote for the bill, because you're not going to have the funding level necessary to carry the program on.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members.